

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

The Listing of Claims below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

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2. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 24, wherein the ~~country code~~ country-related domain ~~of the first set of hosts~~ is a top-level domain.

3. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 24, further comprising:
crawling the network to gather information about ~~the~~ pages or sites in the network,
including the top-level domain and connectivity of the crawled sites.

4. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 24, wherein the network is the Internet.

5. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 24, wherein the network is an intranet.

6. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 24, wherein ~~the determining step that looks at inlinks to the first set of hosts further looks at inlinks to globally hosted websites~~ said analyzing comprises analyzing one or more inlinks to at least one country host from the set of country hosts.

7. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 24, ~~wherein the determining step~~
that looks at inlinks to the ~~augmented set of hosts~~ further looks at further comprising:
analyzing inlinks to and outlinks from globally hosted websites the at least one global
host.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 24, wherein ~~the determining step~~
that looks at inlinks to the ~~first set of hosts~~ further said analyzing comprises:

assigning a countrytag to a global host when all of the following are true: there are more
unique inlinking hosts from country code top-level domains than from global domains, there are
more than a predetermined number of unique inlinking hosts from country code top-level
domains, and there are more than a predetermined percentage of unique inlinking hosts from the
same country code top-level domain.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the predetermined number is 10.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the predetermined percentage is 60%.

11. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 24, ~~further comprising: assigning a~~
~~countrytag if the~~ wherein said analyzing comprises determining whether a root or default
document page for the at least one global host exists in one and only one ODP country section.

12. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 24, ~~further comprising: assigning a countrytag if the~~ wherein said analyzing comprises determining whether the at least one global host is marked for manual countrytagging.

13. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 24, ~~wherein the determining step that looks at~~ further comprising, analyzing inlinks to the augmented set of hosts ~~further comprises: assigning~~ to assign a countrytag to a global host when all of the following three tests are true: there are more than a first predetermined percentage of unique inlinking hosts from the same country code top-level domain, a particular country code top-level domain accounts for more than a second predetermined percentage of the non-global unique inlinking hosts, and the number of inlinking hosts from a particular country is more than a predetermined threshold value.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the first predetermined percentage is 40%.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the second predetermined percentage is 32%.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising: ~~before the determining step,~~
summing unique inlinking hosts and outlinking hosts in the augmented set.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
adding extra points to a voting value for a country when a name of a non-global host suggests that country.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
adding extra points to a voting value for a country when an IP address of ~~the~~ a host is in that country.

19. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 24, further ~~including~~ comprising:
determining a countrytag for a web subsite.

20. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 24, wherein a different test is used to determine if a website should be assigned a "US" countrytag than is used for assigning countrytags of non-US countries.

21. (Original) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 24, wherein a website can be assigned more than one countrytag.

22. (Previously presented) A method of determining whether a web site is of interest to users in a particular country, comprising:
assigning a countrytag to a global host of the web site when all of the following are true:
there are more unique inlinking hosts from country code top-level domains than from global domains,

there are more than a predetermined number of unique inlinking hosts from country code top-level domains, and

there are more than a predetermined percentage of unique inlinking hosts from a same country code top-level domain.

23. (Previously presented) A method of determining whether a web site is of interest to users in a particular country, comprising:

assigning a countrytag to a global host of the web site when all of the following three tests are true:

there are more than a first predetermined percentage of unique inlinking hosts from a same country code top-level domain,

a particular country code top-level domain accounts for more than a second predetermined percentage of non-global unique inlinking hosts, and

the number of inlinking hosts from a particular country is more than a predetermined threshold value.

24. (New) A method of determining a countrytag for a website on a network, comprising:

identifying a set of country hosts for a plurality of websites, each country host having a country-related domain;

assigning a countrytag to each country host that corresponds to the country-related domain for the respective country host;

identifying a set of global hosts for a plurality of websites, each global host not having a country-related domain;

analyzing one or more inlinks to at least one global host from the set of global host to determine a countrytag for the at least one global host; and

producing an augmented set of hosts that includes the set of country hosts, the at least one global host, and the corresponding countrytags for each country host and the at least one global host.